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1942 Agricultural Conservation Program

North Central Region  
U. S. Department of AgricultureINSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPUTING MAXIMUM 1942 FARM  
PAYMENTS AND PREPARING 1942 FARM PLANS

The purpose of form NCR-603, "Farm Defense Program -- 1942 Farm Plan," is to inform farmers of the commodities of which increased production is desired for national defense, to obtain from each farmer an estimate of his 1941 production of these commodities and his intended production in 1942, to notify the farmer of his 1942 farm acreage allotments and normal yields, and to aid in planning his 1942 acreages and soil-building practices.

Community committeemen will visit all farms to explain the 1942 Farm Defense Program and to complete the farm plan for each farm. By signing the farm plan, the farmer will indicate his intention to cooperate in the 1942 Farm Defense Program and request a check of performance.

Preparation of Form NCR-603 in County Office

The complete identity of the farm will be entered on each form from the information on the 1941 listing sheet, NCR-509.

The 1942 allotments and normal yields for corn, wheat, tobacco, and cotton will be entered in Section III. These entries will be obtained from the State committee approved columns on the listing sheets. The 1942 allotments and normal yields for potatoes will be determined at a later date. Designate the type of tobacco for which the allotment is established, if more than one type is produced in the county.

The approximate soil-building allowance will be computed and entered in Item 2 of Section III under "Payments."

The allotment, yield and allowance entries will be checked. The last carbon copy will be removed and retained in the county office. The farm plans (original and two carbons of each) will be assembled in proper order for committeemen.

Entries to be Made by Committeeman at the Farm

When the committeeman visits each farm, he will explain the general objectives of the whole farm defense program, secure information relative to the 1941 production and 1942 intended production, and aid the farmer in planning his farm operations for 1942. The committeeman will then date, sign the form, and return the three copies intact to the county office. It should be explained to the farmer that a final copy will be mailed to him after the allotment and payment determinations are completed.



Section I--Commodities for Which Increased Production is Desired--After the farmer and the committeeman discuss the need for increased production of these commodities, they will estimate as nearly as possible the 1941 production and the increase which can be obtained in 1942. It is of primary importance that the farmer plan his increased production without material increase in farm equipment or the acreage of cropland on the farm.

The items pertaining to hogs and beef cattle shall include the number slaughtered on the farm for home consumption and those sold for market.

The blanks in the table are to be used for such items as "hemp" and "flax for fibre" in the areas in which they are produced.

Section II--Other Non-allotment Crops--The crops listed in this section are those for which an increase is not regarded as essential for national defense but it is important that an indication of 1941 acreages and 1942 intentions be obtained. This can be done by considering with the farmer his complete plans for the farm in 1942. The acreages that will be devoted to these crops can thus be obtained without implying that an increase or decrease is desired. The minimum conserving acreage requirement relating to payments on allotments should be thoroughly considered before plans are completed for these non-allotment crops.

Care should be taken to avoid duplication of acreages, such as vegetables for sale and the vegetables listed in Section I.

Section III--Allotment Crops--Official Notice--The allotments and yields shown in this section are the 1942 final determinations. However, the farmer should understand that a copy of the farm plan will be mailed to him later as an official allotment notification. Any appeals may be filed after the notices are mailed. The potato allotment and yield, if applicable, and the allotment payments will be entered prior to mailing of the final copy to the farmer.

Section IV--Soil-Building Practices--The committeeman will aid the farmer in planning to carry out soil-building practices that are provided in the North Central Regional Bulletin, particularly those practices which are needed to provide conservation not ordinarily practiced by the farmer. Sufficient information on the extent and value of the practices should be discussed to enable the farmer to know what is required to earn his farm allowance.

Section V--1942 Conserving Land Use--This provision should be thoroughly explained and a plan shall be developed whereby each farmer having allotment payments may meet this requirement. The land uses described in the Bulletin which will qualify for this requirement should be considered individually so that the farmer may select the land uses most advantageous to his farm.



Section VI--Request for Inspection--By signing the farm plan, the farmer will indicate his intention to cooperate in the 1942 Farm Defense Program and request a check of performance. Complete information shall be obtained as to other persons interested in the operation of the farm and their addresses. If the farm will not be operated by the same man in 1942, the committeeman should indicate, as nearly as possible, the farm to which the man is moving in order that a farm plan may be directed to him. He will also indicate the name of the new operator of the farm being vacated if this information is available.

If a farm must be split or combined with another farm for purposes of the 1942 program, the details will be obtained by the committeeman, the farm plans will be returned to the county office, and the county committee will reconstitute the farms and prepare farm plans that are correct. Defense information will be obtained when the farm is first visited if possible.

Any unusual questions or problems pertaining to the program should be noted on the farm plan for the attention of the county committee. The farm plan, dated, and signed by the committeeman, will be returned to the county office immediately.

#### Completion of Farm Plan in County Office

The 1942 potato allotments and yields will be determined for some farms in accordance with the instructions in NCR-610-Potatoes on the basis of the information on form NCR-666, "Potato Farm Work Sheet." These potato acreage allotments and yields and allotment payment information will be entered on the farm plans before the second and third carbons are removed.

The allotment payments will be determined on the basis of rates supplied by the State committee. If it is convenient, these payments may have been determined on the last carbon copies of the farm plans while committeemen were visiting farmers in order that they can be transferred to the signed copies of NCR-603 with a minimum loss of time. After payments are entered, the farm plan copies will be separated and the originals will be mailed, all on the same day, to the farm operators. A copy may be mailed to another person interested in the farm if the county committee so desires.

The county committee will be notified as to the work necessary to record the farm plan sign-up on form NCR-County No. 25 or a similar form. Instructions will also be issued relative to listing the data obtained in Section I of the farm plan.



